

FERRY-BOATS IN THREE CRASHES

Signal Lights All Obscured by Blinding Fog Clouds and Collisions Follow in Quick Succession.

PASSENGERS GET A SCARE.

Other Ferry-Boats Lose Their Bearings and Wander About in Rivers and Bay in Imminent Danger of Disaster.

Three ferryboat collisions occurred today on account of the dense fog that settled down over the rivers and bay. The Erie ferryboat Rutherford, on making her slip at Chambers street during the fog, crashed into the McCullagh, which was loading preparatory to making her trip to Hoboken. Though the Rutherford was going at slow bell the force of the collision splintered the railing on the men's cabin side, ripped out stanchions and wrecked a large section of the upper works on that side of the boat. The passengers on the Rutherford were pretty well shaken up but no one was hurt.

The Rutherford was taken to the railroad company's repair shop in Jersey City.

Just as the ferryboat Brooklyn, of the Hamilton avenue ferry line, was leaving her slip in Brooklyn on her 9 o'clock trip she was run into by the ferryboat Montauk, of the same line. The Brooklyn was crowded with passengers, who were sent into a panic by the collision. The Brooklyn was considerably damaged, but made the trip to New York.

The ferryboat Easton, of the Boundbrook, of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, crashed into each other head on just outside of their Jersey slip.

Passengers Badly Scared.

The Easton had reached a point a few feet from the end of the slip bulkhead when the Boundbrook suddenly loomed up in front, and before the captain of the ferryboat could give the order to reverse the engines the two boats crashed into each other. There were about two hundred passengers on the Easton and very few on the Boundbrook. Nearly all ran out on the front decks, but there was little excitement. Much of the boats had its front bumper considerably smashed, but both boats kept running on their regular trips.

The ferryboat Robert Garrett, of the Staten Island line, gave about one thousand passengers, who were on board, an exciting time during its 3 o'clock trip from Staten Island. After over an hour's floundering around the bay, in which the ferryboat had to be towed to the pier, the passengers were landed in New York at South Ferry.

The first trouble occurred when the ferryboat, four miles from the pier, was between a big British steamship and the light house. The captain of the ferryboat saw it was going to be a tight squeeze, and he hoped to get out in minutes until he could get his bearings.

Then the ferryboat went around the side of the steamer and ran at half-speed until it reached a point off Liberty island. The captain of the Robert Garrett then found himself among a fleet of small sailing smacks and tramp steamers. Bells were being rung all around the ferryboat and the captain was at a loss to know what to do.

Got to Her Slip at Last.

Again the engines of the ferryboat were stopped and she swung around with the tide until she was headed for her starting place. After running back for about a quarter of a mile open water was reached and the ferryboat turned toward Manhattan. The rest of the trip was finished without incident.

A collision between the Netherlands and the Orange, of the Hoboken line, was narrowly averted today when the Orange was leaving her slip at Barclay street.

As it was the boats rubbed together for many of the passengers were frightened. No damage was done, however, and after the Netherlands had edged past into her slip the trip was continued on her way to Hoboken.

WOODRUFF RULES IN KINGS COUNTY.

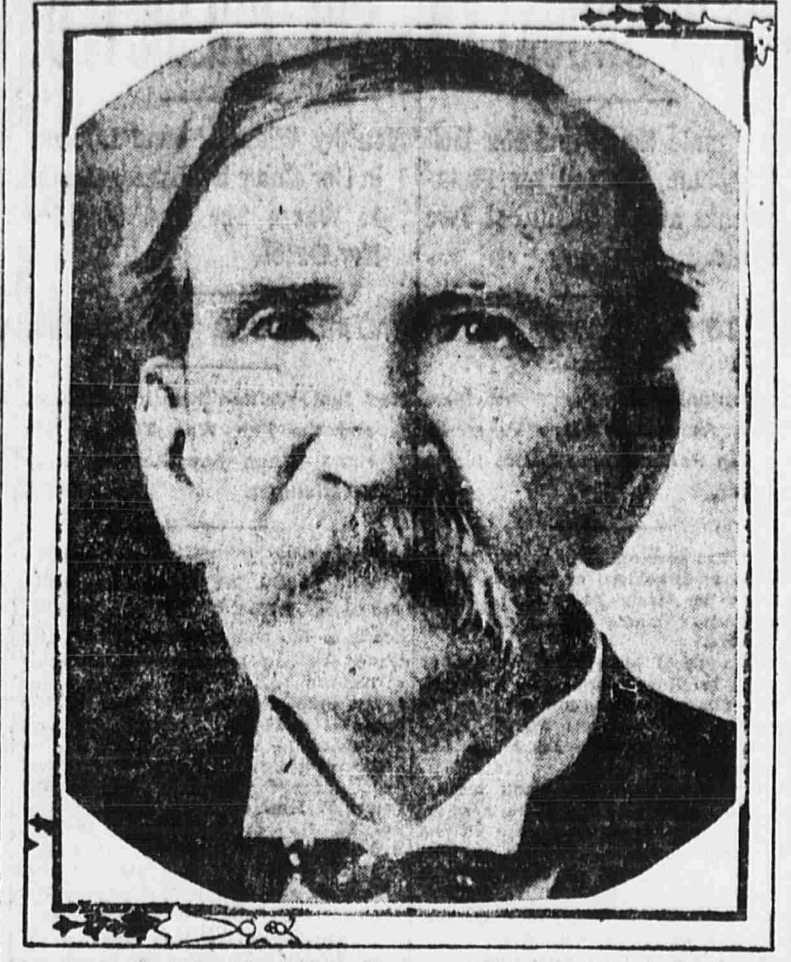
Republican Committee Publishes a Resolution Proclaiming Tim the Only Leader.

All doubt concerning the political status of Lieut.-Gov. Timothy L. Woodruff in Kings County has been swept away by a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Republican Central Committee at the headquarters last night. "In terms that leave no room for discussion the Lieutenant-Governor is pronounced the leader of Republicanism in the county."

In view of the many stories recently told of Mr. Woodruff's lost power this action is of interest to Republicans throughout the State. It has been said that his enemies in the party were seeking to undermine his power and to wrest the leadership from him. The resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, various rumors have been circulated concerning the status of the Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff in Kings County, and the Executive Committee of the Republican Central Committee, in order to settle the matter, and to show the people that the Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff is the leader of Republicanism in Kings County, do hereby resolve that the Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff is the leader of Republicanism in Kings County, and that his enemies in the party are seeking to undermine his power and to wrest the leadership from him. The resolution is as follows:

EX-POLICE COMMISSIONER MURPHY, WHO DIED SUDDENLY TO-DAY.



M.C. MURPHY DIES CRUSHED TO DEATH UNEXPECTEDLY BENEATH WHEELS.

Heart Failure Hastened the End of ex-Police Commissioner, Who Hadn't Swallowed Food in Fourteen Years.

FAMED IN LOCAL POLITICS.

Former Police Commissioner Michael C. Murphy died to-day at his home, No. 582 Broome street. An invalid for many years, he was dealt a blow that sounded his end when he was beaten for the Tammany leadership of the First Assembly District last fall by "Battery Dan" Finn. Since that time he had been unable to move about. The end came suddenly at 2:15 o'clock this morning and is ascribed to heart failure.

Since 1883 Col. Murphy had been unable to take nourishment in the ordinary way. In that year he was serving his thirteenth term in the Legislature, the last six years of which had been spent as State Senator. During the winter he suffered with what he supposed was indigestion. He was then a man of splendid physique, weighing 225 pounds.

When his ailment became acute physicians decided that he had a tumor of the stomach. This they healed. In the mean time he had almost starved to death, and from 225 pounds was reduced in weight to less than 100 pounds.

Was Fed Through a Tube. When his stomach was all right again it was found that he was suffering from stricture of the esophagus, which made it impossible for him to swallow food. An incision was made in the wall of the stomach, a silver tube was inserted, and for fourteen years Col. Murphy had his food pumped into himself through this tube. It caused him no inconvenience until about two years ago, when his general health began to fail.

Michael Cotter Murphy was born in Limerick, Ireland, in 1841. His parents died when he was five weeks old. Clerks Rescue Drowning Boy. Caper Sanders, fifteen years old, living at No. 68 Main street, Brooklyn, was running along the stringpiece on the pier of the Munson steamship line, East River, to-day, missed his footing and fell overboard. He was pulled out by the clerks employed on the pier and sent to the Hudson Street Hospital. His condition is not serious.

A LAYMAN GAVE DOCTOR A HINT ABOUT COFFEE.

Speaking of coffee, a doctor of Decaturville, Ohio, says: "We used to analyze coffee at the medical college, and in spite of our laboratory tests, which showed it to contain caffeine, an active poison, I continued to use the drink, and later on found myself affected with serious stomach trouble, indigestion, headaches, etc."

"The headaches came on so regularly and oppressed me so that I found it difficult to attend to my regular duties. One day last November I met a friend whom I had known to be similarly afflicted. His marked improvement in appearance caused me to inquire what he had been doing. He announced that he had, some time ago, quit coffee and was using Postum Food Coffee. To this change he attributed the change in his health."

"I took the hint, even from a layman, and made the same change myself. The first week I noticed a little difference, but not much. The third week the change was almost magical. I have continued with the Postum, and now my digestion is perfect, the nervous headaches have entirely disappeared, and I am well. My own analysis of the Postum Food Coffee shows it to be a pure food drink of strong character, which is a marked contrast to the old-fashioned coffee."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

75c. yard. Dress Goods Special.

1,000 yards 44-inch Nun's Veiling, in colors, navy blue, reseda, in, cadet, gray, cream and black, at

68c. yard.

Lord & Taylor, Broadway & 20th St.

R. H. MACY & CO. Macys

Silk Specials—1st Fl., 25th St. The values will make the Silk counters a centre of gathering for women from far and near. 24-inch Printed Satin-finished Foulards and Pongee, liberal assortment of designs and colorings, including polka dots in navy-and-white and black-and-white, sold elsewhere at 75c.

Special at 39c

19-inch Taffetas; heavy, lustrous quality, forty colors to choose from, including black, white, ivory and cream, sold elsewhere at 65c.

Special at 48c

27-inch Imported Black Taffeta, soft, mellow finish, rich and strong, wear guaranteed, just the quality for waists, sold elsewhere at \$1.15.

Special at 88c

36-inch Imported Black Taffeta, a perfect weave—beautifully finished, wear guaranteed, ideal for costumes and wraps, sold elsewhere at \$1.50.

Special at 1.12

One Thousand All-Silk Umbrellas, 1st Fl., 25th St. \$3.00 to \$5.00 Kinds at \$1.97.

Brief descriptions: Black, Green, Tan, Brown, Navy, Garnet, Cardinal and National Blue Changeable All-Silk Taffetas and Serges. All have paragon frames—some with Fox English Laurus Columbian, American wide locks, others with "New Era" runners. Each Umbrella has case and tassels. Most of the handles are worth more than we ask for the Umbrellas. Among them are:

Gun metal applied with silver and jewels, sterling silver, gold, ivory, pearl, royal copper, stag horns, cape horns, English natural wood, plain and decorated with silver and gold, hand-wrought Dresdens, German weichsel, English ash, furze, boxwood, Congos—all the popular shapes, including Princess, Opera and Prince of Wales.

Made to Sell at \$3 to \$5; Choice at \$ 1.97.

Women's \$4.00 Hats at \$2.69—1st Fl., 25th St. The materials are: Dainty, soft bias folds of chiffon combined with crispy, silky horse-hair braid—alternate rows of each. Five of the leading new shapes, including the jaunty Shah of Persia Turban and Crownless Flat Hats.

Black, white, black-and-white, cardinal and light blue. Sold by others at \$4.00; our price \$2.69.

Women's 50c. Imported Lace Lisle Hose at 29c.—1st Fl., Centre. Imported Black Lace Lisle Thread Hose—the dye is perfect—stainless. The styles include plain with lace insteps and all-over lace designs—odd and pretty effects. They are sold by others at 50c. a pair; special at 29c.

A complete assortment of Women's Silk Hose, ranging from 89c. to \$49.98 a pair—and Men's Silk Half Hose at from 89c. to \$4.98.

Women's 75c. Lisle Vests at 49c.—2d Fl., Centre. White Lisle Thread Vests. Some are plain—others are made just like silk by the marvellous mercerizing process. Low neck and sleeveless, silk tapes, neck and shoulders trimmed with pretty narrow lace. Six different styles. Regular 75c. quality. Special at 49c.

Women's 50c. Vests and Pants at 36c. White Ribbed Vests, high neck, long and short sleeves; pants to match, ankle length, French bands. Regular 50c. quality; special at 36c.

Imported Lace Collars—1st Fl., 25th St. 89c. instead of \$1.50. Point Venise Lace Collars—just from the other side. Plenty of patterns and shapes. They are the regular \$1.50 qualities. The price is 89c. You'll carry them away fast enough.

Art Embroidery—2d Fl., rear. Lent is the favorite period for embroidering industriously. Designs wrought in white are the most popular motifs. We don't think a more complete department of the kind exists. We want thousands of women who are ignorant of its advantages to be better informed. These specials should inspire many initial visits. You'll come again—

Centre-piece, 18-inch, 17c. Centre-piece, 27-inch, 32c. Centre-piece, 36-inch, 51c. Bureau Scarfs, 18x54 inches, 42c. Original stamped Patterns—grapes, wheat, acorn and the like. Materials used:—

Peri Lustre, all sizes, 3c. skein. Bear Lustre, all sizes, 3c. skein. Mount Mellick Silk, all sizes, 4c. skein. Adjustable Embroidery Frames, \$3.58. Shirt Waist Pattern of white pique, with stamped design, \$1.57.

Novelty White Goods—1st Fl., rear. White Madras, cut by highly mercerized stripes, fifteen different patterns to select from, sold by others at 40c.; our price 24c.

Fancy Cheviot, enhanced by small mercerized figures, reduced from 34c. a yard to 26c.

Men's \$15.00 Suits at \$7.74—2d Fl., rear. Men's Sack Suits, made of brown and gray pure wool chevots; coats are lined with heavy serge or Italian cloth—many of these Suits are medium-weight and may be worn with comfort until mid-summer, same quality is offered elsewhere at \$15.00; our price \$7.74.

Boys' Sailor Suits at \$2.89. Boys' Sailor Suits, made of fine English serge—navy, red, brown and royal blue; also some mixed chevots in the lot. They are elaborately trimmed with silk braid, embroidered shields, trousers are lined throughout, sold by others at \$5.00; our price \$2.89.

Table Linens—1st Fl., rear. Bleached Irish Damask Napkins, extra heavy quality, 23x23 inch, sold by others at \$2.50; our price \$1.99.

Fringed Damask Tray Cloths, finished with two rows of open-work, size 33x33 inches, sold by others at 65c.; our price 49c.

Cigars—5th Fl., 25th St. White House Bouquet Cigars, Rollit-chills, Sumatra wrapper and Havana filler, manufactured to sell at \$3.25 for box of 50; our price \$1.99.

Key West Havana Rothschilds, Cuban hand-made, sold elsewhere at \$7.00 for box of 100, our price \$4.95.

R. H. MACY & CO.'s Attractions Are Their Low Prices. Macys

Broadway 34th to 35th St. Continuation of the Extraordinary Offerings in China and Glass at Prices That Are Only Possible at Macy's. We Have More Than Doubled the Floor Space Devoted to These Goods and Such an Assortment Cannot Be Found in Any Other Retail Store.

Royal Wilton Carpets at Half Price.

Hundreds of rolls of the best makes of Royal Wilton Carpets—both domestic and imported—will be put on sale to-morrow. Factories represented are:

M. J. Whittall, Lowell Mfg. Co., Bigelow Carpet Co., American Manufacturers, Humphrey, Crossey, Henderson, Templeton and Southwell, English Manufacturers.

An immense assortment of designs—including self-toned greens and reds and rich Oriental patterns in rare colorings—with and without borders, for rooms, halls and stairs. These magnificent Carpets are sold by others at \$2.75 and \$3.50 a yard; our prices

\$1.49 and \$1.79

This sale should appeal not only to the householder, but to the owners of Apartments and Hotels as well.

Our Own Importations of Black Mohair Brilliantines and Sicilians.

Direct from Bradford, Eng.—1st Fl., 25th St.

The uses of Mohair Brilliantines and Sicilians multiply as more and more women learn their grace and goodness. Alert to the tendency that foretold an increased demand for these serviceable fabrics we imported a great variety. They are now ready—an unmatched stock:

38-inch Mohair Brilliantine 34c, 39c, 44c, 49c. 44-inch Mohair Brilliantine 39c, 49c, 59c, 69c, 74c, 79c, 84c, 89c, 98c, \$1.24, \$1.29, \$1.39, \$1.49, \$1.59, \$1.69, \$1.98.

44-inch Black Sicilians 69c, 79c, 98c, \$1.24, \$1.49, \$1.79, \$1.98. 38-inch Sicilians at 49c.

All of them are "finished" on both sides—shimmery, unwrinkable—dust and cinders glance from them.

\$1.24 Black Ladies' Cloth at 79c.—1st Fl., 25th St.

All-wool, full-twilled Black Ladies' Cloth, rich, satin finish, sold by others at \$1.25; our price, 79c.

50c Albatross at 39c. Crepe Wave Albatross, forty-six dainty Colors, including cream, ivory and black, 46 inches wide, 39c.

65c Nun's Veiling at 49c. All-wool Nun's Veiling, soft and clingy, in special demand for house and street gowns, in a large variety of colors, including cream, grays, tans, castors, biscuit, reseda, royal marine and navy blue, 45 inches wide, at 49c.

29c Silk Mousselines at 18c.—Basement. Silk Mousselines, all colors, including black and white, our regular price 29c a yard, for this special sale at 18c.

\$1.00 Wrappers at 69c.—2d Fl., 25th St. Women's Wrappers, made of striped dimity, trimmed with braid, ruffle at shoulder; skirt finished with deep flounce, sold by others at \$1.00; our price 69c.

Women's Kimono Dressing Sacques, made of plain and figured lawn, 24c.

Handkerchiefs—1st Fl., Centre. Women's All-linen Handkerchiefs, some have colored borders, others with figured centres and striped borders, sold by others at 25c.; our price 11c.

Women's Unlaundered Sheer French Linen Handkerchiefs, dainty hand-embroidered initial and printed bow-knot, reduced from 22c. to 16c.

Men's All-linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, full size, half-inch hem, sold by others at 17c.; our price, 10c.

Men's Silk Handkerchiefs, one-inch hem, large or small embroidered initials, sold by others at 40c.; our price, 24c.

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Broadway 34th to 35th St. March Doings in the Continued Furniture Sale.

The new news from the Furniture Sale is the reverse of dry. Only a few items are quoted. That's not because the economies are scant—not dearth of them—but the draught 'n space from all over the store is strong. Hence, condensation is imperative.

Fifty Gilt Reception Chairs, fancy backs, seats upholstered in remnants of high grade satin damask—some have rush seats \$1.74

Morris Chairs, solid oak carved front, wide quartered oak arms, rich golden oak finish, reversible figured velvet cushions—several colors to choose from \$4.74

\$8.50 Bed Outfit at \$6.96. White Enamelled Iron Beds—3 ft wide—woven-wire spring—all-iron frame—pine fibre mattress—worth \$8.50; special at \$6.96.

\$65.00 Bed Outfit at \$47.12. Full-size Brass Bed—bow extended foot rails. Two-inch posts, heavy husks and mounts. Box Springs, covered with A. C. A. ticking, mattress made of sterilized South American hair, one or two parts, covered with A.C.A. ticking—worth \$65.00; special at \$47.12.

\$15 Brass and Bronze Beds at \$10.96. Combination Brass-and-Bronze Beds—seven full-length brass spindles, continuous bronze posts—all sizes—worth \$15.00—special at \$10.96.

Medicinal and Toilet Articles—1st Fl., 25th St. Five specials from counterful of splendid offerings:

Demifrice Tooth Powder, 5c. Munyon's Witch Hazel Soap, 7c. Prophylacticum, large size, 26c. Handkerchief Extract, ounce bottle, Jessica or Jockey Club, 29c. Whirling Spray Syringe, \$2.41.

\$1.50 Razors, 49c.—1st Fl., rear. Not Nondescript Razors manufactured cheaply to sell at a cheap price. They are Joseph Allen & Son's Celebrated

Non X L L Razors made at Sheffield, England—hollowground, concaved, ready for private and professional uses. Our regular price, \$1.49; Special at 49c

Riding and Coachmen's Boots. 2d Fl., rear. Riding Boots, made of calfskin, equal to custom-made in style and finish, \$8.24.

Riding Boots, made of tan Russia calfskin, equal to custom-made in quality and workmanship, \$8.98.

Riding Leggings, imported Puttee style, sold by others at \$8.50; our price \$5.63.

Coachmen's Boots, made of calfskin, with tops of any desired shade, equal to custom-made in finish and workmanship, at \$11.23.

Macy's "Hygienic" Shoes—2d Fl., 25th St. Properly called Hygienic because the pure rock oak soles, besides having a layer of sheet cork between them and the insoles, are chemically treated in order to render them absolutely impervious to moisture.

Enamelled leather, hand-sewed welts, water proofed duck lining, last modelled after the normal shape of the foot, value \$5.00; our price.. \$3.74

Men's \$6.50 Shoes at \$4.69. These are the shoes that will appeal to the fastidious man. The leathers used are soft and strong. The workmanship is of the best. The styles range from the modest straight lasts with close-trimmed edges to the ultra-fashionable swing lasts with flat foreparts, narrow shanks and Cuban heels.

Button and Lace Shoes made of calfskin, kangaroo tops, hand-sewed welts, Marlborough last, double extension soles. Button and Lace Shoes, made of imported patent calfskin, dull kid tops, hand-sewed welts, Netherland last, heavy single soles. Lace Shoes, made of vici and patent ideal kid, hand-sewed welts, straight last, close-trimmed edges.

Nearly Sixteen Hundred of Our 94c. White Plaited Bosom Shirts at 68c

Thousands of men know these Shirts—they have plaited bosoms, with three clear white pearl buttons; may be laundered soft or stiff, according to whether they will be worn for dress or negligee. They are among the reliable and popular staples of the Shirt stock—and we've always sold them at 94c.; others sell same quality at \$1.25 to \$1.50, First Floor, 34th St.

Reduced to 68c Sizes 14 to 18.

Two Lines of Men's Neckwear.—1st Fl., 25th St. Record-breaking Values That Will Create Record-breaking Selling.—1st Fl., 25th St.

At 16c—Fifteen hundred Four-in-hands, Tecks and Puffs, made of handsome silks and satins, immense assortment of patterns and colorings.

At 24c—Seven hundred Large Folded Squares that tie in neat Four-in-Hand knots—rich silks and satins in scores of designs and colorings.

Not one in either lot is worth less than half a dollar—many were made to sell for more. It's a cleaning-up of the Neckwear department—an end-of-the season upheaval of the stock.